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LOST—A package of money ... Lake-street, between the Tribune office and ... Wells-street, containing a sum of money and ... Finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving ... at this office.

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THE NEWS.

The leading feature in our morning's news comes from Knoxville in a graphic dispatch from our reporter at that point. The scene he describes is worthy the pen of Victor Hugo. Fortunately we are able to enhance the sketch of the rebel assault on Fort Sanders, the chief defensive work at Knoxville, by a diagram furnished by a correspondent. The whole affair was one of the most dashing of the war, and each of the opposed forces found foemen worthy of their steel. The courage of the rebels in pressing on in the face of the obstacles that met their devoted band, the bravery of our men who stood at their guns and hurled death and destruction down upon the foe all constitute one of the most thrilling episodes of the war. The repulse settled the fate of Longstreet's campaign. It was the spring of an infuriated wild beast, determined to succeed or perish. The failure was a fatal one.

The news from Virginia causes profound disappointment, throughout the country, and the rumors gain ground that General Meade is to be forthwith added to the list of great commanders for misspent opportunities. He, at least, has not been held back. The President, the War Department, the people, the army have all urged him forward, and rare opportunities seem also to have beckoned him, yet he has moved down the map like a laggard schoolboy, at no point or ever confronted by an equal number or the enemy, but always treading in his cold tracks. Since Gettysburg—where he but carried out Gen. Hooker's prepared plans—Gen. Meade has done nothing. His then allowing *Lee* ample time to take his shattered army across the Potomac was a blunder nothing in his career since then has mollified, and failure is at last written broadly across a campaign, the whole people, up to the latest moment had eagerly followed, hoping still that success lay just within reach. Gen. Meade is doubtless willing, and that is one indispensable matter of heart, but he is not able, and that has to do with the head, and it is to be regretted that is now confirmed for. The report pleases that ... is to be a winter campaign, and under a change of commanders. Who the latter is to be is beyond conjecture, and we care still less. The TRIBUNE has no pets. It will never love the military "gaudle" again in advance of the actual accomplishment of the work set to be done.

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The President's Message and Department Reports.

NOTE.—Knoxville occupies a broken and hilly site on the north bank of the Tennessee River. The town plat is divided by a small creek, into East and West Knoxville, and extends along the river bank nearly one mile. The banks of the river are steep and precipitous. Opposite the town is a high eminence strongly fortified to resist the expected rebel approach from the south-east direction; and it was at the outposts on this side that the affair occurred in which General Sanders was killed. The enemy crossed the river at London, thirty miles below and moved on Knoxville by the route indicated by the above diagram. Between these, and commanding both, is the high hill on which is built Fort Sanders, a very strong work of earth and timber. In the construction of military magic labor was largely employed. It is about three-fourths of a mile from the centre of Knoxville.

FROM KNOXVILLE.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

CINCINNATI, Dec. 3, 1863.

Captain W. Anderson, Assistant Adjutant General, Department of the Ohio, has received the following official dispatch:

KNOXVILLE, Nov. 20th.
via CUMBERLAND GAP, Dec. 2d, 1863.

The enemy attacked us early this morning in force but we repulsed them with considerable loss. All is well.

[Signed] A. E. BURNSIDE,
Major General.

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KNOXVILLE, Nov. 30.

The great rebel blow anxiously anticipated so long was struck yesterday morning. Reinforced by the troops of Sam. Jones, Jackson and Williams, Longstreet sought to annihilate the Army of the Ohio by *coup de guerre*. He selected seven picked regiments. Skirmishing commenced on Sunday night at ten o'clock, and continued sharply until near daylight of Monday, on our left front before Fort Saunders, commanded by Gen. Ferrero and defended by the 79th New York, Benjamin's 2d U. S. Artillery, and Buckley's Rhode Island battery.

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We afterwards regained our position, and kept up a sharp skirmishing all night. On Sunday morning, at seven o'clock, the rebels moved three brigades against Fort Sanders.

A portion thereof, notwithstanding our heavy fire, gained the ditch, but could not ascend the parapet.

We took 200 men and three stand of colors. The rebel loss is killed and wounded was over 800. Our loss was about twenty.

Longstreet then accepted Burnside's offer for a cessation of hostilities to enable the rebels to attend to their wounded.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3.—The *Bulletin* has the following:

CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 2.—The movements of this army, now going on cannot be reported; there are questionable reports of a rebel raid across the Chickamauga River, at Red House Ford, and that the families there took refuge in the cars.

Rumors continue to thicken of rebel doings in the border counties of Tennessee. Reports say that Faulkner and his gang are now only conscripting all the men they can lay their hands on, but are taking all the horses, mules, cattle and negro wenches, regardless of the political sentiments of the owners, that they can find.

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Steamers Omaha and J. D. Perry arrived this morning from Memphis, bringing dates of Tuesday evening.

The gunboat sent to Island No. 66, to drive off the guerillas, reported firing upon steamers, had returned, and has fulfilled the duty faithfully.

Bradley Anderson, a notorious character, arrested a day ago, charged with bond burning, and five some time confined in Irving Block, has been sent to Alton Penitentiary for safe keeping. His real name is L. C. Griggs.

Fifteen prisoners were added to Irving Block Prison, from La Grange, on Saturday last.

Mr. Slocum, late Superintendent of Contrabands here, accused of attempting to sell a negro into slavery, is to have his trial at Washington.

District Provost Marshal I. H. Williams brought up from Columbus, to-day, seventy-seven guerillas and other prisoners, being part of those engaged in burning the prison there, and are to be sent to Indianapolis in charge of the 16th Iowa. They left on the morning train. A portion of the prisoners are from Sol Street's gang, captured by Capt. Frank Hoare and the 8th Illinois cavalry, a short time since at Maryweather's crossing of the Obion River.

They do not look as though very badly starved. It is rumored that a large force of rebels again threaten the vicinity of Columbus, Ky., perhaps with the intention of cutting off the supplies to Grant's army and hindering preparations being made to reconstruct certain railroads running near that place.

Such stories have been so often told, however, that we grow incredulous. The presence of gunboats and no inconsiderable force under Gen. Asboth, Fort Pillow, make all secure, and no apprehensions need be entertained that the rebels are going to recapture, or even guerilla parties trouble that stronghold.

Capt. Dehl, of the Missouri enrolled militia, started to-day for St. Louis, having in charge twenty-two of Lieut. Hobbs' gang, under the Agricultural College grant. The Land Office is busy making transfers, so as to have the matter concluded before Governor Salomon's term expires.

BEN BUTLER AT WORK.

Gen. Butler is making his new Department pay its own way. Such charges as one dollar for a Provost Marshal pass, and one per cent. on all goods brought into the department for sale, furnish a fund that goes towards defraying the expenses of the improvements in the city of Norfolk, and other outlays upon which he has entered.

Butler is engaged in raising a negro cavalry force. He raised 107 in one week. The oath of allegiance is required from everybody going outside of his lines.

Gen. Sherman says—The statement that Gen. Forey or the French Minister were furnished, by the State Department, with Gen. Grant's military maps of Mexico, or other information, preparatory to the French invasion of that country, is erroneous.

Neither Gen. Forey nor the French Minister, nor any person, ever asked for or received any such information.

There is no truth in the rumors that Secretary Chase will apply to the banks for a new loan. The new national banks will have an opportunity to take some of the five per cent. Treasury notes. If the Directors decline, ...

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3, 1863.—The Secretary of War has given his decision to the Hon. S. B. French, the 2nd Auditor of the Treasury of the United States, in cases recently submitted by Messrs. Jos. E. DeWitt & Co., of Philadelphia, that the nine months volunteers who served six months when were called out under the first act of October and of July 17th, 1862. That no troops were called for or accepted, therefore these troops are not entitled to the sum of $25 bounty and the $3 premium. The amount involved in this question is several millions of dollars; and as various paymasters throughout the country have paid many of the regiments from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Rhode Island and other States they are peculiarly interested.

The several State Military Deputies are also involved, as well as some 30,000 troops who have served for nine months.

The Second Auditor has also decided that the $25 advanced bounty should be paid by the mustering officer to a recruit, when mustered in, as well as the premium.

Satisfactory proofs therefrom must be furnished that the soldier was not paid this bounty, or the settlement cannot receive the information and Comptroller.

It is probable that at an early day in the approaching session, Congress will take action on the whole subject of bounties, and on pontoon bridges, brought as our supplies.

All night the point of Missionary Ridge on the extreme left, and the side of Lookout Mountain, on the extreme right, blazed with the camp-fires of loyal troops.

The day had been one of dense mists and rain, and through the fog the rebels had fought above the clouds, which concealed him from our view, but from which his musketry was heard.

At nightfall the sky cleared, and the full moon, "the traitor's doom," shone upon the scene. Occasionally, until 3 a. m. when twinkling sparks upon the mountain side showed that picket skirmishing was going on. Then it ceased. A brigade sent from Chattanooga, crossed the Chattanooga Creek, and opened communication with Hooker.

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THE REAL DIFFICULTY.

There are many intelligent persons who fail yet to understand what the real difficulty is with the Potomac Army, and why it does not accomplish more. Such persons contrast its efforts with the work done in the West, and draw inferences much to the disparagement of the soldiers of the East; averring that Eastern men do not fight as well as Western. Others think it all due to poor generalship. It is quite true that there is liability to great injustice, and to considerable mischief, in these comparisons. That the Eastern soldier knows how to fight is proved on more than one field. That was not poor fighting at Malvern Hill, nor at Antietam, nor at Fredericksburg, nor at Chancellorsville, nor at Gettysburg. It is true that the first battle cry being "On to Richmond," the rebels gathered there their first great army, and by their own efforts and our failures, have held some of their best troops on that field; and they have been fortifying in getting some of their best generalship there. It is true, too, that the ground in Virginia favors their operations. But there is a difficulty independent of these things, and which is alone sufficient to account for the poor success of the Potomac army, as compared with some of its other divisions. That army runs "over Washington," and that is the nightmare of the Potomac army. It is inherently and all the time a defensive army; and seldom, indeed, can a defensive army act on the highest principles of the art of war. It cannot cut itself loose, and strike out, with a view only to aggressive results. It is to defend the Capital. Hence we have long given up the expectation of its doing anything to matter how other people do. It is not intended to do any thing except such odd jobs as it can throw in at chance spells. Its business is to keep Lee out of Washington. Were that city once fitted up off the earth by a hook, and hung up on one of the horns of the moon, Meade would use up Lee in a fortnight.

There have been three separate times when the nightmare has been scared away. Twice when Lee crossed the Potomac, and our army had no choice but to strike with all its powers; and the result was, that Lee went how-long back to the second time with an army cut as to his legs affected him. The other time was when the peninsula campaign was undertaken. But McClellan was the commander; and McClellan belongs to the ladies' family—good for fighting in a hole; and the Richmond dogs did not care to go into his den for a bustle, and so poor Mac got him back to his place with his hide badly scratched.

But to do any thing in the field, there must be *strategy out*, as Grant did: when he got in the rear of Vicksburg; or as Rosecrans did, when he sent Bragg out of Tullahoma and Chattanooga. Hooker did it at Chancellorsville, and ought to have succeeded; for the move was a brilliant one, and saved the Capital, but Stonewall Jackson got the start of him, though he paid for it with his life; and thus, though a nominal defeat, Chancellorsville was after all one of the great successes of the war.

But since that the army has "covered Washington," it seems afraid to think of something besides covering—and that being the policy, let no man expect any considerable performance of it.

THE INCOME TAX LAW.

Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Lewis, proposes various amendments to the internal revenue law, with the view of making it yield more revenue. It seems that the amount derived is vastly below the estimates made when the law was passed. It was then predicted that it would yield one hundred and fifty millions, whereas it does not produce more than half that amount. It is necessary that one hundred and twenty-five millions, at the very lowest, shall be derived from internal taxes, in order to maintain the credit of the nation on a sound footing.

There is one change that ought to be made in the income tax part of the law. As it now stands, if a man returns one dollar less than $10,000 of profits, he is taxed therein three cents less than $300; but if he shall return a dollar more than $10,000, he is taxed $300.03. The difference of two dollars in his income increases his taxes $300.03. The effect of this unjust and inequitable clause is to tempt men to commit frauds on the revenue by making false returns.

The five per cent should be levied on the excess over $10,000, and not on the whole $10,000, in which case people would be satisfied. We would propose the following schedule for income tax, in lieu of the present one, believing that it would yield twice as much revenue, and be satisfactory to the great body of the people. Men do not object to paying money to help put down the rebellion to save the Union, but they want the burden laid equitably and justly.

First—Tax the excess of all incomes over $600 and under $6,000 three per cent. Second, tax incomes exceeding $6,000 on the *excess* of that sum four per cent, up to $10,000, and five per cent on all excess above that sum. For example, if a man's income be $800, his tax, should be three per cent, on $200, or six dollars. If his income be $8,000 his tax would be $162—on the first $6,000, less the $600 exempted, and $80 on the next $2,000; total $242 on the whole. If his income be $12,000 his taxes would be three per cent. on $5,400, four per cent. on $4,000, and five per cent. on $3,000. This would be a much more satisfactory scale than the present one, and would yield far more revenue.

Again, the exemption of six hundred dollars ought to cover all that should be allowed. At present rent sums are exempted under the head of "necessary repairs," and "State, county, and municipal taxes."

The Toledo (Democratic) *Blade* "does not bother itself about the repairs a man may put on his house or the amount of local taxes he pays. The sum of $400 it was estimated, would support the families of the laboring classes, and that it was about all, or rather more, than the bulk of laboring men earned in a year. It was the intention of Congress not to collect any income tax from the mass of the laboring classes. But the law was so framed that not one citizen in a hundred, taking the whole country together, pays a cent of income tax, and hence this important source of revenue does not yield one third or quarter as much as was expected or intended when the act was passed. Multitudes of men worth thousands and tens of thousands of dollars in real estate, pay no income, or next to none, because they are allowed to put in large sums for "repairs" and "local taxes," and other exemptions. This is not right; and the whole tax law is proven almost as bad an abortion as the conscription act, which also was rushed by the people, not one in a thousand of whom knew what they were about. The Government must have money as well as men to finish up the war and save the Union. Let the tax law be amended, so that while it is made to yield more revenue, it shall also be more equitable. The fewer exemptions in either the tax or conscription, the better for the public good.

THE EXCHANGE QUESTION.

The present position of the exchange question is quite unlucky all around. It is bad for our part, because the rebels, being short of provisions at Richmond, where most of the Federal prisoners are kept, they are fully tempted to starve them. We want them, too, in the field; for, were a big exchange effected, including the old prisoners already, we could muster the full force of the Army of the Potomac. But on the other hand, the Richmond rebels continue to get an abundance of us about as fast as they get all the fat of cavalry which Grant may be driving. Like the question, "How are we to both succeed?" "Retaliate," says one, "by starving our prisoners and shooting the foolish Virginians." We have the ability to do both. We have plenty of their soldiers in our keeping, and scores of the Virginians among them.

Which is best, for their opinions on the subject will vary with their sympathies? Is it best to starve our prisoners of war, or to shoot well in advance, even in retaliation. Asks shooting the Vicksburg fellows, because the Richmond fellows starve? The men are cold and hungry, and the women and children would justly themselves in shooting our own men in return.

"Exchange our starving men at all costs," waiving the question in dispute for after adjudication, reply others.

But it is found that the matters in dispute, which block the exchange, are such as cannot so easily be waived. It is not a mere dispute about numbers; but our black soldiers and their officers they refuse to exchange on any terms. At the same time, to prevent blockade in the matter is exactly inconsistent and impossible for the rebels. They have lodged to feed, and to guard our men at a time when food is a vital matter to them; and they lose the services of their men by our possession. Add, that they keep a greater number of ours out of employ, one man is worth to the rebels one and a half many because it is a war of defence, and within narrower limits on their part than on ours.

The whole difficulty doubtless grows out of that old spirit which loves the black man and will see him only a slave. It is the slaveholders still. It was a question inevitable from the moment we put Arms in the hands of the black man. We put precious few soldiers—no matter of what color? It is the decision of the Government, "We will." It will involve suffering, but it must be met. Per do, we see no remedy but to push on the columns. Lee whipped in Virginia, and Bragg in Georgia, the fate of the soldiers in captivity will be determined. In the meantime, we have enough of their men in our hands to inspire them with some sentiments of decency in their treatment of ours. Push on the columns, then. Keep the ranks full. The prisoners will get relief the sooner, the faster the rebels are put down by the stern use of cold steel and round shot.

THE CANNON TAKEN.

It is a singular fact in the history of this war that most of the large guns taken from the enemy have been taken by a single command. Nearly all of Grant's movements have yielded him guns. Along the Mississippi river he has gathered them with amazing luck. Columbus, Island No. 10, Memphis, and Vicksburg, and perhaps other places not remembered, have given him ordnance. Donelson turned him over enough to start a small shop in the trade. In the chase to the rear of Vicksburg, wherever he could catch a rebel General, he caught his cannon. By the time he had reached the town he had captured eighty pieces of field artillery. When the town capitulated he got one hundred more, of all sizes. At Chattanooga he is in luck once more. Sixty pieces reward the endeavor, though Hooker was not quite quick enough for those 64-pounders on Lookout Mountain.

Is it mere luck? or is there an underlying philosophy which determines the luck? Very few of our other generals have taken many guns. Farragut, it is true, did a considerable business at New Orleans; Banks got a few at Port Hudson; Dupont some at Hilton Head, and Burnside some in North Carolina. A number were taken, too, by some commanders with Norfolk. Those have been successful cases; but, even, have not yielded as much in this line. The Potomac Army have lost far more than they have gained. The great victory at Gettysburg, with all the hard work of that splendid cavalry force, only yielded three small pieces, although the New York *Herald*, or some other Munchausenist, reported that we had taken eighty or a hundred. But Grant must have cannon to sell!

NEW YORK MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

Quite a tri-angular contest came off at the New York municipal election on Tuesday last. There were three candidates run for Mayor: Boole, the regular copperhead candidate, and favorite of the Irish "democracy"; Gunther, independent, of War Democratic politics, and the favorite of the Germans, and Blunt, the candidate of the Republican organization. However, a large number of the latter helped to bring out and supported Gunther, believing that Blunt could not be elected, and that Boole, for chief of the "ring," and captain of the "dirty dozen," ought to be defeated. The election was very animated, and the vote cast was some 10,000 larger than at the State election a month previous. The result was as follows:

Boole, copperhead, 4, and Irish candidate	29,581
Gunther, War Democratic and Union candidate	30,804
Blunt, straight Republican	19,469

At least 6,000 Republicans voted for Gunther—enough to have elected Blunt had they stuck to their own man, but Gunther may make a good Mayor. Neither the peace sneaks like Wood, nor the robbers of the "ring" can use him.

☞ A slave auction was advertised in New Orleans the other day. A woman named Lavinia and her two boys were to be sold to the highest bidder. But for some reason the thing did not happen. The sale was prohibited. It is supposed that the slave auctioneers were over in New Orleans, and we rather think they are. The remnants of the chivalry there may possibly try once in a while to bring back the good old times, but one auction would last a good while thereabouts. They may as well give it up.

FINANCIAL TROUBLE.—Great excitement exists in Knox county growing out of the assignment made last week by G. P. Dunn & Co., the Galesburgh bankers. The deed of assignment was made on the 26th of November, and conveys, in addition to the real estate, about $70,000 in personal property, $20,000 of which is in money. Mr. Dunn, immediately upon making the assignment, left for parts unknown with his family, and nothing has been heard of him since. The assignee is D. H. Frisbie, Esq., of Galesburgh. The sums due to soldiers, and soldiers' families, to Knox College, to Lombard College, to all literary, benevolent, and charitable institutions, to the City of Galesburgh, and to officers and attorneys for moneys deposited by them as collections for other parties, are made preferred debts by the deed of assignment. It is the prevailing opinion that depositors will get the whole amount of their deposits.

SMUGGLING.

There are some rather rich revelations expected in relation to extensive smuggling operations, having their origin in St. Louis, Louisville and Cairo, a few particulars regarding which you will receive this morning by telegraph. When the matter has culminated, you may receive a full exposition of perhaps the most gigantic and most successful swindling machine lately revealed by the press.

T. H. W.

FROM KANSAS.

Operations of the Conservative Chaplain in Kansas—Treason of the Governor—Some Plain Language about Jayhawkers—Shameful Statements—Sufferings of the Indians.

[Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

LEAVENWORTH, Kansas, Nov. 12, 1863.

My attention has been called to a telegraph dispatch from Washington, contained in a late copy of the New York *Tribune*, to the effect, in substance, that: despatches had been received at the office of the Indian Bureau in Washington, from Fort Larned, stating that several thousand Indians were congregating in that vicinity with hostile intentions; that Mr. Commissioner Dole had quieted them by the distribution of $200,000, and that he urges the Secretary of War to allow these Indians to be mustered into the military service of the Government, as the only means by which they could be controlled. It is somewhat curious that this press, usually so [illegible] the very fugacious lugs in this and similar dispatches.

ABOMINABLE FALSEHOODS.

For the last year, hardly a month has passed but what the metropolitan press contained paragraphs of a similar tenor.

They will average one in six weeks for that time. In all of them Mr. Dole has received information which necessitates the doling out of "presentskins" to large numbers of these simpleminded red men. Not the direct distribution of money, then it was the organization of an Indian Brigade, the feeding of refugees or the transportation and removal of them from one point to another. But though the Indian might make some appeal of this kind, it does not appear that such a rule applies to the swarms of weeps and howsels who are fattening upon the generosity of this people.

A CONSOLATORY CREW.

For months past the operations of a nest of conmorants in this State have been carefully scrutinized. Indian Superintendents, agents and traders, who have been plundering them—even rich upon the munificent generosity of the "Great Father of the North"—by false and fabulous reports, five, six, the Creek, Seminole, and Cherokee nations. The information as to the true state of affairs is derived from the [illegible] of Leavy, Cadby county, Kansas, a little [illegible] west of the Neosho river, in the southern part of the State. Since the rebellion, discoveries have been made in the headquarters of these conmorants, which fully justify the [illegible] that diverting the travel and transportation to and from here from the other routes to the Galena and Chicago Union Road. Detention becomes an important item to a traveler when his conveyance is a stage coach; and to freighters of produce, the delays which them thereby under the necessity of buying high prices for wagoning and selling a long time before the market is reached. The combination of enhanced expenses in both cases. Under the operation of all these influences, it is easy to see how the profitable [illegible] gradually and prejudices will give way to views of economy in money and time, and the conversion of the party interested, and that of the Chicago and Galena Railroad will soon have all our travel and freighting business until the Hy YouWinkles of the other companies, which are superior, from the [illegible] of the Mississippi, to the Missouri river, will [illegible] and that the M. V. R. R. and the Keokuk route, with all their connections, will have, for a time, the benefit of the profits of transporting freight and passengers to and from Central and Western Iowa. The [illegible] has been satisfactorily proved. But [illegible] agents generally of the Western Stage Company, enables travelers to come through to Dubuque from the [illegible] terminus of the Chicago and Rock Island, in 8 hrs. more than the six hours. It is quite possible that before the next year is over, a new line between Keokuk and Kewaunee will be in operation, over from the centre of steamboat [illegible] and [illegible] by a branch road connecting with the Chicago and Rock Island road, at that road's next division, which [illegible] Thus much on railroads, until the [illegible]

FROM CAIRO.

A Rebel Spy Caught in the Act—Arrest and Confession—Starvation in Richmond—Deserters Coming In.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

CAIRO, Dec. 2, 1863.

A MAN WAS SHOT

By the guard keeping watch and ward over the big guns at Fort Defiance on Saturday night. He was approaching one of the guards—a soldier of the 59th regiment—was challenged, and replied that he was a rebel and was going in to spike the guns. The sentinel ordered him to halt, and called the officer of the guard. The man continued to advance, however, and the guard shot him dead. The guard was immediately arrested by Lieutenant-Colonel Hain's order, countermanding the 59th regiment and the fort. On examination it was found that he had done his duty in the matter, and the soldier—whose name is Michael Hamlagan—was accordingly released to duty. An inquest was held over the body of the dead man, and a verdict rendered in accordance with these facts. The identity of the dead man has not yet been established. He was clad in butternut clothes and had on his person, and was wearing his different kind separate shirts, part of which were such as our soldiers wear. It is more than probable that the deceased had imbibed too much whisky, and in his intoxicated condition wandered to the place where he was killed. It is hardly possible that the assertion threat that he was going to spike the guns could have been even an approximation to the truth.

HOSPITAL REPORT.

The clerk of the Post Hospital at this place makes the following report for the week ending Nov. 28:

SATURDAY—November 21—Private Thos. Hogan, co. B, 81st Illinois infantry, died of typhoid fever.

SUNDAY—November 22—Private Joseph Hess, co. D, 4th Illinois cavalry, died of typhoid fever. Wm. Moss, 23d Ohio, do. do. do.

MONDAY—November 23—Private George Miller, co. E, 12th Illinois cavalry, returned to duty Nov. 27. Peter Ernest, do. do. do. do.

TUESDAY—November 24—Private John Meek, co. E, 12th Ind. do. do. do. do.

WEDNESDAY—November 25—Private G. W. Bells, Co. A, 28th Iowa; Benj. Jas. Green, Co. B, 28th Iowa; private F. M. Bowen, Co. B, 59th Illinois; W. Mahan, Co. K, 59th Illinois; Co. H, 59th Illinois; Sergeant Co. K, 59th Illinois; Sergeant Co. K, 59th Illinois; Sergeant Co. K, 59th Illinois; Corporal Co. K, 59th Illinois; Corporal Co. K, 59th Illinois; Private Co. K, 59th Illinois; Jas. C. Warren, Co. I, 1st Illinois; Jas. C. Warren, Co. I, 1st Illinois; Private H. Abernathy, Co. H, 59th Illinois; W. Sanderson, Co. H, 59th Illinois; Private E. A. Stone, Co. D, 59th Illinois; Kennedy, Co. C, 16th Mo.; James M. Co. F, 22d Ill.; E. A. Merrick, Co. D, 8th Ill.; Richard Lisle, Co. K, 8th Ill.; Private Co. K, 59th Ill.; H. D. Hanna, Co. K, 59th Ill.; Private Co. K, 59th Ill.; H. D. Hanna, Co. K, 59th Ill.; Private Co. K, 59th Ill.; Private Co. K, 59th Ill.; Private Co. K, 59th Ill.; Private Co. K, 59th Ill.; James Lowell, Co. K, 59th Ill.; R. B. Gilbert, co. G, 59th Ill.; Private Co. K, 59th Ill.; Private Co. K, 59th Ill.; Private Co. K, 59th Ill.; Private Co. K

Miscellaneous.

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